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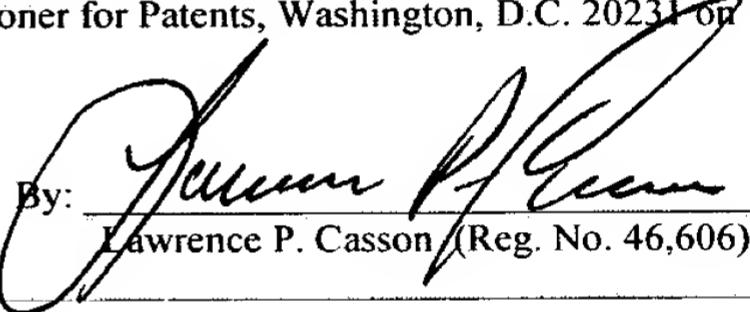
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For : USE OF HUMAN SERUM RESISTANT VECTOR
PARTICLES AND CELL LINES FOR HUMAN
GENE THERAPY
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Accompanying this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination. A final Office Action was mailed March 14, 2000. A Notice of Appeal was filed November 27, 2000 and entered November 30, 2000. A petition for a five month extension of time is enclosed extending the time for response up to and including July 2, 2001.

Please amend the above-identified application before examination as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 7, 12, and 41 without prejudice.

The following claims are amended:

- D.E.* 1. (amended) A method for preparing a stable, retroviral packaging cell line for generation of human serum-resistant retroviral particles (RVP) which comprises